

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
June 13, 2014

The City of Clewiston is now accepting nominations for the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2014. If you know of someone you feel is deserving of this honor, please pick up a nomination form at City Hall and return it by August 6, 2014. The award will be presented at the annual Clewiston Chamber of Commerce dinner in September.

**Dates to Remember:**

June 16, 2014                      City Commission meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- Director Reese is attending the Building Official's Association of Florida's annual convention being held in Clearwater, FL June 8 through June 13.
- The existing portable offices located at the west side of Hendry County Regional Medical Center have been demolished to make room for much needed additional parking. Grippo Paving has been hired to pave and stripe a new parking lot.

**Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:**

- The Caloosa Cats travel baseball team held its event this past Saturday. There were 71 players in the event made up mostly of people from Labelle and other local communities.
- We will be hosting the Elks Lodge Scholarship tournament this Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Greens have been sprayed with fertilizer, and a preventive rate of fungicide.
- An application of fertilizer was applied to fairways, tees, and slopes.
- Remember the golf course is closed on Monday for the summer, but the driving range is open.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- The Microsoft IT Academy with certification classes is coming. Call the Library for signup information.
- Summer reading program, in conjunction with the Recreation Department, started with a bang! The Red Cross did a lovely puppet show on fire prevention with the children in Clewiston and also with the camp in Montura. A total of 129 children went through our reading program this week.
- The Summer School has begun with a full house. We have 30 children in total and have been serving them breakfast and lunch. Other children from the community have also been taking advantage of the free meals. Two Workforce students and five volunteers from the community, including a medical doctor waiting to start her residency, have been helping us with the programs.
- Basic ESL graduation was wonderful! For more details see this week's Clewiston News.
- GED classes will be in July. Contact your City library at 983-1493 for more information.

- Training for starting a Home Based Business is coming July 16 – 18 with some seed money to help interested attendees startup.

#### **Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Officers investigating a burglary to a vehicle were able to make arrests for credit card fraud, possession of stolen property, and felony drug possession with intent to sell. The drugs and \$800 cash were confiscated.
- Patrol responded to a stabbing in South East Clewiston over the weekend. Suspect has been arrested and the victim has since been released from the hospital.
- All sworn officers qualified with firearms during the last few days without complication.
- Ms. Carolina Tellez graduated from the Communications Academy this week. We are proud of her accomplishment. Carolina is one of our Explorer Academy graduates from years past. She went to school in Miami and returned to work for us sporting a Bachelor's Degree. She has also taken over our Explorer Program.
- Officers responded Wednesday morning to a report of theft of fishing rods and tackle on North Francisco. Patrol and CID are working the case cooperatively.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1116** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 505** Complaints Investigated
  - 13** Arrests Made
  - 7** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 26** Traffic Warnings Issued
  - 11** City Ordinance / Code Violations
  - 63** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 68** Merchant Escorts
  - 17** Alarms Responded To
  - 5** Traffic Accidents Investigated

#### **Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control Activity: Mosquito activity has increased. The potential for a mosquito born disease has been reported to be on the rise. City mosquito spray missions are consistent. Residents are reminded that we cannot stop or kill all of the mosquitoes and want each person to take necessary action to protect yourself and your children.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff patched pot holes on Monday. (2) Staff replaced 10 Royal Palm trees at select locations through town this week. (3) Two asphalt contractors have been called for a quote to seal the alley between Central Ave. and Comercio St.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) We are replacing and upgrading the outlets at each of the Italian Cypress Trees on Bond Street. A cleaner more efficient device will be installed. (2) Six new steel picnic table frames came in this week. Our table inventory dropped because the all wood style has shown to be weak and easily broken after a few years of moving them around.
- Boy Scouts Project: (1) Director Scheffler met with a local Scout on Tuesday morning and discussed his project of installing a bike rack at the Sweet Town Playground. A second scout is also planning a project of repairing the back stops in the "Ten Acre Field" this summer. A third scout will meet with me and discuss another project.

- The fireworks for the fourth of July have been ordered. The show will be in the Sugarland Sports Complex at dark. All are invited and the local radio station will be playing patriotic music during the show.
- Utility Generator: Our mechanic, Jeff Conrad, was successful in repairing the Utilities' office and City Hall complex generator and staff returned it to the office this week. Great job Jeff, thanks for going the extra mile.

#### **Recreation Director Ramer reports:**

- Summer Camp began on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. We currently have 125 kids participating in our 1<sup>st</sup> session! 1<sup>st</sup> session ends June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Registrations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of Summer Camp (July 7<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>) and other activities are now available on-line at [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com)
- AQUA ZUMBA will take place on Saturday mornings from 9:00 -10:00 a.m. at the C.S. Mott Pool in Clewiston. Cost is \$5.00 per session
- C.S. Mott Pool will be open for "Community Swim" from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Mon - Fri and 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. The James Mason Pool will be open for "Community Swim" from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Monday thru Saturday and 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Pool Parties are also accepted for both pools. Please call the Youth Center at (863) 982-1492 to make a reservation.
- Efforts have begun to aerate, fertilize, and top dress ALL of the playing surfaces at Sugarland Sports Complex before the "rainy" season. Spraying for emergent evasive vegetation began this week, and equipment is being staged to complete this task.
- Adult Men's Basketball and Co-ed Softball Leagues are forming and the summer sport season is just around the corner. Put a team together and contact Andre at (863) 983-1492 for more information.
- Clewiston Recreation "Fish Camp" plans are being finalized this week and details will be available next week. Registrations for the boats have arrived and equipment and tackle are being inventoried and ordered this week.
- Please contact the Youth Center at (863) 983-1492, "LIKE" us on Facebook or visit [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) for all your recreational needs and information.

#### **Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The contractor arrived Tuesday, June 10, to begin work on the lift station in the alley at the intersection of East Sugarland Highway and South Francisco (Cuban Market Lift Station).
- The Water/Sewer crew have begun working on the replacement of the 2" water line on Cortez & Cadiz.
- Maintenance continues with the painting of hydrants and lift stations.
- The Electric crew replaced a cross-arm on the utility pole located at the intersection of East Esperanza and North Francisco June 10, which resulted in a brief power outage. We apologize for any inconvenience this outage may have caused.
- The generator for the Utilities Department (Emergency Operations) has been repaired and re-installed. A service tech will be here June 18 to test it.

- Congratulations to Steve Hayes who has been assigned to the new position of Electric Transmission Manager and Mike Cox who has been promoted to Superintendent of Electric Distribution.